

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLANTS & ANIMALS

Leave plants and animals in their natural setting for others to enjoy. Picking wildflowers is prohibited. Keep a respectful distance from all animals to avoid disturbing their natural routines. Larger animals are quick, powerful and unpredictable. Getting too close can result in serious injury. Take special care to avoid encounters with bears and to help maintain their natural fear of humans.

Many small animals can carry diseases and should never be touched or handled. All animals are part of the natural processes protected within the park and parkway. Allow them to find all their own food. Their natural diet assures their health and survival. No matter how convincingly the animals beg, feeding is prohibited.

HIKING

Hikers are reminded that shortcutting damages fragile vegetation and is prohibited. Topographic maps and inexpensive trail guides are sold at visitor centers and the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. Sturdy footwear is essential. Know your limitations when traveling in the backcountry or taking extended hikes. If you are traveling alone, let someone know your planned destination, route and expected time of return.

Trailhead parking areas fill early in the day during July and August start your hike early to avoid parking problems.

FISHING

Whitefish and cutthroat, lake and brown trout inhabit lakes and rivers of the park and parkway. Obtain fishing regulations at the Moose, Jenny Lake or Colter Bay Visitor Centers. A Wyoming fishing license, required for fishing in the park and parkway, may be purchased at the Moose Village Store, Signal Mountain Lodge, Colter Bay Marina and Flagg Ranch Village. Fishing in Yellowstone National Park requires a separate permit (fee charged); purchase permits at Yellowstone visitor centers and ranger stations.



BOATING

Motorboats are permitted on Jenny (7½ horsepower maximum), Jackson and Phelps Lakes. Human-powered vessels are permitted on Jackson, Jenny, Phelps, Emma Matilda, Two Ocean, Taggart, Bradley, Bearpaw, Leigh and String Lakes. Sailboats, water skiing, and windsurfers are allowed only on Jackson Lake. For motorized craft, the fee is \$10 for a 7-day permit and \$20 for an annual permit; for non-motorized craft, the fee is \$5 for a 7-day permit and \$10 for an annual permit. As of April 2000, personal watercraft are prohibited in all waters within the park. Obtain permits at the Moose or Colter Bay Visitor Centers.

FLOATING THE SNAKE RIVER

Only human-powered rafts, canoes, dories and kayaks are allowed on the Snake River within the park and parkway. Register non-motorized vessels and pay the fee (\$5 for a 7-day permit; \$10 for an annual permit) at the Moose Visitor Center or Colter Bay Visitor Center permits desk each year. Floaters are encouraged to complete individual trip permits. Read the launch site bulletin boards for current river conditions. On the surface, the Snake does not seem very powerful, but only experienced floaters should attempt this swift, cold river.

BACKPACKING

Grand Teton National Park has more than 200 miles of trails of varying difficulty. Obtain the required, non-fee backcountry permit for overnight trips at the Moose or Colter Bay Visitor Centers or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. Backcountry campsites may be reserved in advance from January 1 - May 15; the fee is \$15 per reservation. Pets are not allowed on trails nor in the backcountry. Campfires are prohibited except at designated sites depending upon fire danger.

SWIMMING

Swimming is allowed in all lakes. No swimming areas have lifeguards. The Snake River is dangerous and swimming is not recommended.

PETS

Restrain pets on a leash at all times. Pets are not allowed on trails nor in the backcountry (which begins 50 feet from roadways), in boats on the Snake River, in boats on lakes other than Jackson Lake nor in visitor centers. Pets are not allowed on ranger-led activities. Kennels are available in Jackson.



CLIMBING

There are many risks and hazards associated with climbing and mountain travel. Experience and good judgment are essential. The Jenny Lake Ranger Station, the center for climbing in Grand Teton National Park, is staffed from early June to mid-September by climbing rangers who can provide up-to-date weather and route conditions information. Registration is no longer required for day climbs and off-trail hiking. Backcountry permits are required, however, for all overnight climbs. The park DOES NOT track and check to see that you get safely out of the backcountry. Leave an agenda with friends or family. Pets are not allowed on trails nor in the backcountry. Solo climbing and backcountry travel is not advised.

BIKING

Ride bicycles only where cars can legally go. Ride on the right side of the road in single file. Do not ride bicycles or other wheeled vehicles in the backcountry, on or off-trail.

Short On Time?

Wondering how to make the most of your time in Grand Teton National Park? Take a look at a few of the suggestions below to help plan your visit. Suggested drives and places to stop are described from north to south. Use the map on page 12. The distance from the south entrance of Yellowstone National Park to the south boundary of Grand Teton National Park is 56 miles; approximate driving time with no stops is 1½ hours. Please follow posted speed limits, watch for wildlife on roads and be prepared for occasional delays due to road construction.



ON A HALF DAY

Colter Bay Visitor Center and Indian Arts Museum - Visit the museum to view art created by native people and gain a glimpse of 19th-century Native American life. Native American and wildlife videotapes and a park orientation slide program are shown throughout the day.

Signal Mountain Summit Road - This 5-mile drive starts one mile south of Signal Mountain Lodge and Campground. The road winds to the top of Signal Mountain, 800 feet above the valley. Summit overlooks provide a panoramic view of the entire Teton Range, Jackson Lake and most of Jackson Hole. The road is narrow and parking at overlooks is limited, so no trailers or large motorhomes, please.

Menor's Ferry and the Chapel of the Transfiguration - Turn off the Teton Park Road ½-mile north of Moose. The Menor's Ferry Trail, less than ½-mile long, affords a look at homesteading and pioneer life in Jackson Hole. Visit Bill Menor's cabin and country store. Ride a

replica of the ferry that crossed the Snake River at the turn of the century. The altar window of the Chapel of the Transfiguration frames the tallest Teton peaks. Please be respectful, the chapel is a house of worship.

ON A WHOLE DAY

Willow Flats - Stop at the Willow Flats Turnout, 6 miles south of Colter Bay for a view of an extensive freshwater marsh that provides excellent habitat for birds, beavers and moose. Jackson Lake and the Teton Range form the backdrop.

Oxbow Bend - Located one mile east of Jackson Lake Junction, this cut-off meander of the Snake River attracts a wide variety of wildlife. Mt. Moran, the most massive peak in the Teton Range, dominates the background.

Jackson Lake Dam Overlook - Jackson Lake Dam, one mile west of Jackson Lake Junction on the Teton Park Road, raises the level of Jackson Lake a maximum of 39 feet. In addition to being a reservoir, Jackson Lake is also a natural lake

Teton Weather

May and June - Mild days and cool nights intersperse with rain and occasional snow. Depending on snowpack, snow level remains just above valley elevation until mid-June.
July and August - Warm days and cool nights prevail, with afternoon thunder-

showers common. Snow level gradually retreats; divides between mountain canyons are free of snow by August.
September - Sunny days and cold nights alternate with rain and occasional snowstorms.

	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
TEMPERATURE						
Normal Daily Maximum	60	70	80	78	68	56
Normal Daily Minimum	31	38	42	41	34	26
PRECIPITATION						
Normal	1.9"	2.2"	1.2"	1.4"	1.3"	1.0"
Maximum	2.9"	4.0"	2.2"	3.9"	3.7"	2.6"
Maximum Snowfall	14"	6"	6"	2"	8"	18"
Days w/measurable Precip.	10	10	7	8	8	9
Average No. Thunderstorms	5	11	14	12	2	0

formed by an immense glacier that once flowed from Yellowstone National Park. Park on the southwest side of the dam and take a short walk for a peaceful view of Jackson Lake and Mt. Moran.

Antelope Flats - Kelly Loop - At Gros Ventre Junction, 5 miles south of Moose Junction on Highway 26-89-191, turn east. Follow the road to the small town of Kelly. To see the Gros Ventre Slide, turn at the sign marked "national forest access." The Gros Ventre Slide occurred in 1925 when earthquakes and rain caused the north end of Sheep Mountain to break off and dam the Gros Ventre River, forming Lower Slide Lake. Follow the Antelope Flats Road along hayfields and ranches to rejoin Highway 26-89-191.

MANY DAYS

Ranger-led Activities - Join a ranger for a visitor center talk, museum tour, stroll, hike or evening program. A list of scheduled programs is in this newspaper. Attend these activities to learn more about the natural and human history of the park and parkway.

Take a Hike - Over 200 miles of hiking trails in the park and parkway range from level and easy trails on the valley floor to steep, arduous trails into the mountains. At visitor centers, ask a ranger for recommended hikes and look at or purchase maps and trail guides.

Raft Trips on the Snake River - Park and parkway concessioners operate trips on the Snake River daily. Watch for moose along the banks and bald eagles and American white pelicans soaring above.

Ride a Bike - The Teton Park Road has wide shoulders and superb views of the Tetons. The Antelope Flats – Kelly Loop provides riding opportunities on secondary roads. Ride bicycles only where cars can legally go; bicycles are not allowed on trails nor in the backcountry.

Horseback Riding - Park concessioners offer horseback rides at Colter Bay, Jackson Lake lodge and Flagg Ranch